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POLICING & POLICY

New York Lawmakers Consider Ban On Texting While Crossing Street

The New York Post (5/16, Hogan) reports from Albany, New York, "Lawmakers are pushing to outlaw the practice of texting while crossing the street, citing safety concerns that in some cases have proved deadly. 'Texting is one of the most common forms of communication with friends. It's the best way to stay in touch with people outside of social media, but the hard part is when people constantly text even when completing their daily errands,' the bill memo sponsored by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz (D-Bronx) and Sen. John Liu (D-Queens) says. 'Walking and texting at the same time is most common to do, and it definitely can be dangerous if you aren't careful. The reason is simple; it takes away your ability to be alert. Over the last few years, smartphones have become a societal norm between teens and adults, statistics of accidents have skyrocketed.'" The legislation "would expand to all 'portable electronic devices,' meaning cellphones, laptops, pagers and electronic gaming devices," but "emergency messages would be exempt, like correspondence with a personal doctor or hospital, ambulances, and the fire or police department."

US Schools Turn To Technology To Guard Against Shootings

The AP (5/16, O'Hare) reports from Los Angels, "Schools trying to protect kids from mass shootings are turning to gunshot detection systems, cellphone apps and artificial intelligence – a high-tech approach designed to reduce the number of victims." According to the AP, "Technology that speeds up law enforcement's response and quickly alerts teachers and students to danger is a growing tool amid rising concerns over the inability to prevent shootings like the one last week at a suburban Denver high school." The AP adds, "While a focus on gun control often emerges after school shootings, technology can be a less partisan solution that's quick to implement – though some experts say funding preventive mental health resources should be the priority. 'We've kind of reached this state of frustration where we (feel like we) can't protect our students,' said Dennis Kenney, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. 'What we're trying to do is find some technological fix, and there isn't one.'" School districts nationwide "are recognizing that and instituting an approach that combines technology with mental health programs, bullying prevention and security officers."

Baltimore, Maryland Police Update Media Release Policy To Reduce Social Media Clutter

The Baltimore Sun (5/15, Davis) reports, "Baltimore police have changed their policy on media releases to cut down on the number of social media posts in response to complaints of clutter on the department's Facebook page." Police spokeswoman Det. Nicole Monroe said on Tuesday "that the department will now use a single post per day on Facebook to inform the public about incidents and investigations in the city." Monroe "said the change was in response to complaints that people would have to scroll through multiple posts to find information about an incident from that day."

One Year After Illinois School Shooting, District Adopts Security Changes

The Northwest (IL) Herald (5/16, Rodgers) reports from Dixon, Illinois, "A year ago, an armed student opened fire in Dixon High School and caused a ripple effect throughout the area to put a closer eye to security and training." On the morning of May 16, 2018, "then 19-year-old Dixon senior Matthew A. Milby Jr. started shooting in a school hallway with a 9mm semi-automatic rifle near the gym filled with about 180 of his classmates practicing for graduation." According to the Herald, "The school district

did an analysis of the incident and reviewed feedback from law enforcement officials and community members on what went well, what needs to be tweaked and what needs to be changed regarding school safety and the response to a crisis." The district "also took another look at security upgrades, which already were planned for in the multimillion-dollar project to make improvements to the high school and bring it up to code." The Dixon Public School District 170 Board "signed off in October to $117,816 worth of new security cameras and other upgrades after working with law enforcement on recommendations."

Connecticut Lawmaker Wants To Ban Police From Shooting At Vehicles

The AP (5/16, Fagan) reports from Hartford, Connecticut, "Police officers in Connecticut would be prohibited from firing their guns for the sole purpose of stopping vehicles, under legislation planned by a state senator in response to two recent officer-involved shootings of unarmed people." State Sen. Gary Winfield "said Thursday that the proposal will be part of a larger package of legislation aimed at limiting police use of deadly force and increasing police accountability that he hopes to submit next week." Winfield "also is calling for what would be an unusual statewide ban on officers stepping in front of vehicles." Winfield "said the proposal is aimed at protecting the lives of both the public and police officers."

New Resource Available: Enhancing the Response to Hate Crimes

In partnership with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the IACP released an Action Agenda for Enhancing the Response to Hate Crimes. This action agenda provides action items to help break down barriers and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve to enhance the prevention, reporting, investigation, and successful prosecution of hate crimes. IACP members are encouraged to use the action agenda as guidance for responding to and working toward preventing hate crime.

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CRIME & DRUGS

FBI Still Seeking Woman Who Shot New Jersey Trooper In 1973

ABC News (5/16, Carrega) reports, "Civil rights activist turned convicted murderer, Assata Shakur, continues to be a 'top priority' for law enforcement officials, even 40 years after she was broken out of a Clifton, New Jersey, prison and fled to Cuba." ABC News adds, "In May 1973, Shakur and two other members of the Black Liberation Army (BLA) were pulled over on the New Jersey Turnpike by State Trooper Werner Foerster and another highway officer," and "during a confrontation, a shootout ensued, killing Foerster and one of the passengers in the car." According to ABC News, "In recognition of National Police Week, the FBI is highlighting seven cases involving violence against law enforcement officers, one of which involves Shakur." The FBI "referred to Shakur by her former name, Joanne Chesimard – she changed her name in the 1960s after briefly joining the Black Panthers. 'This was a heinous execution of a law enforcement officer, cut and dry. This is without dispute,' FBI's Special Agent in Charge Gregory Ehrie told ABC News."

The Asbury Park (NJ) Press (5/16, Ford) reports that Ehrie "and New Jersey State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan called for Cuba to return fugitives including Chesimard as a part of restoring relations between Cuba and the United States. 'From our standpoint, you can't really have a normal relationship with a country that's harboring convicted killers and convicted fugitives,' Callahan said." Ehrie and Callahan "condemned violence against cops and spoke about Chesimard's case Thursday morning at the New Jersey State Police headquarters in Ewing."

New York Man Identified As 26th Person Charged In Maine Drug Probe

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (5/16, Trotter) reports, "A New York man accused of selling crack cocaine and fentanyl to an undercover police officer in Calais in March is the latest person to face federal drug distribution charges as a result of an FBI investigation focused on Washington County." Equan "Chris" Ware, 20, "was arrested in New York on May 7, a few days after the FBI and Maine Drug Enforcement Agency arrested 25 people in a series of raids conducted at suspected drugs houses between Sullivan and Indian Township." The Daily News adds, "According to an affidavit filed in federal court in Bangor, Ware accompanied an undercover officer on a ride from Bangor to Calais on March 10 to participate in a drug deal."

Convicted Serial Killer Little May Be Linked To Louisiana Cold Case Murders

Fox News (5/16, Fedschun) reports, "A convicted serial killer who has confessed to 90 murders and was known for sketching portraits of his victims may be linked to even more unsolved killings in Louisiana, according to the police chief of a town where two of the slayings took place." Samuel Little, "who is already serving a life sentence for murdering three women in California, made the confessions last year while being held in Texas for the 1994 murder of Denise Christie Brothers." The FBI "has said 78-year-old Little is in poor health and will likely stay in a Texas prison until he dies." Fox News adds, "While in prison, last year he began confessing and drawing the portraits of his victims over three decades from memory with the encouragement of investigators," and "after Little admitted to killing two women in Louisiana, investigators said they are re-examining their cold cases to see if there are any more victims."

Florida Drug Trafficking Probe Nets 20 Arrests

The Daytona Beach (FL) News-Journal (5/16, Holt) reports, "A heroin dealer and self-proclaimed 'smooth criminal,' his business associate and their underlings are behind bars and their sophisticated drug enterprise has been taken down, Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood announced Thursday." According to the News-Journal, "With their capture comes the hope that authorities have put a dent in the local opioid epidemic – one that has resulted in 300 combined deaths in 2017 and 2018 in Volusia alone, according to the Sheriff's Office. 'This is what they live for,' Chitwood said of the Volusia Bureau of Investigation, a local narcotics task force comprised of members from various police agencies. 'Street level dealers, absolutely you got to get them out of there, but (it's great) to go after an organization and brick-by-brick dismantle it.'"

Gang Members Targeted In Multiple California Raids

KPIX-TV San Francisco (5/16) reports from Oakland, California, "Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies in the East Bay raided a number of locations Thursday in an action targeting a violent 'super group' gang alliance, whose members 'waged war' on rivals, resulting in more than a dozen arrests." According to KPIX-TV, "The FBI, ATF and US Marshals assisted in the raids in Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Vallejo, Antioch, and Richmond, police said. During the operation Thursday, 16 people were arrested." Oakland police "said the investigation began seven months ago when investigators began to focus on an increased number of shootings in the North Oakland area."

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Authorities Urged To Consider Officers' Mental Health

In a piece for Forbes (5/16), Nicole Fisher, founder and president of Heath & Human Rights Strategies, writes, "Like firemen and other first responders, police officers are tasked with many duties that can often take a toll on their mental health and wellbeing," but "unlike their first responder peers, police officers work individually (not in teams), and have an intimate relationship with violence and human beings at their most extreme conditions, while having to keep their emotions in check." Fisher adds, "Day in and day out they are called upon to see the worst in humanity and take action to protect others," but "despite the resilience necessary for success in the job, the mental, emotional, and physical toll can be great. In fact, in 2017 and 2018, more police officers died by suicide than died in the line of duty." According to Fisher, "With this lingering stigma in mind, theInternational Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world's largest and most influential association of police leadership, dedicated this month's edition of Police Chief magazine solely to mental health – particularly skills training and understanding mental resilience."

TECHNOLOGY

Chandler, Arizona Police Use DNA To Make Arrest In Two Cold-Case Rapes From 1997

The Arizona Republic (5/16) reports, "After more than two decades without answers, Chandler police used DNA evidence to arrest a 43-year-old man in connection with two sexual assaults that occurred in 1997." The Republic adds, "According to a Chandler police statement, the DNA samples linked 43-year-old Adan Lopez-Perez to evidence gathered from both crimes scenes 20 years ago." Lopez-Perez, "who is a Mexican national, was in federal custody on suspicion of unlawful entry into the United States, police said." Lopez-Perez "was required by federal law to provide a DNA sample and was arrested on April 8, 2019, after his DNA sample matched those on file for the cold case, according to police."

Research Finds Problems With Facial Recognition Technology

The Washington Post (5/16, Harwell) reports, "Police agencies have used altered photos, artist sketches and celebrity lookalikes in facial-recognition searches while attempting to find and arrest criminal suspects, raising concerns over the unregulated technology's risks of inaccuracy and abuse, new research released Thursday found." According to the Post, "Facial-recognition systems have in recent years been used in thousands of law-enforcement investigations across the country as a way

to quickly identify a person of interest, and the systems are designed to match two similar photographs: typically a photo of someone caught on camera, and a corresponding photo in an official database," but "a new review by Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy and Technology found police have used the systems in a number of questionable ways that could muddy the search results and potentially lead to misidentification or false arrest."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Former Leader Of Basque Separatist Group Arrested In France

CNN (5/16, Britton, Bashir) reports, "The former political leader of the Basque separatist group ETA has been arrested in France after more than 16 years on the run, Spanish officials said Thursday." Josu Ternera, "whose real name is Jose Antonio Urrutikoetxea Bengoetxea, has been wanted by Spanish authorities since 2002 and is accused of being involved in a deadly car bomb attack on police barracks in Zaragoza in 1987, which killed 11 people. 'The militant of the terrorist organization ETA, wanted by the Spanish and French police services, has been detained in the town of Sallanches,' the Spanish Interior Ministry said in a statement Thursday." The arrest "was part of a joint Spanish-French police operation, it added." According to CNN, "ETA, which stands for 'Euskadi Ta Askatasuna' or 'Basque homeland and freedom,' was founded in 1959 in response to the frustration felt by Basques during the repressive regime of General Francisco Franco."

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